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no Soviet officer
believed that the USSR had an atomic bomb. All officers
talked about the subject, which was a subject of lively
although pessimistic interest, felt that the Soviet A-bomb was a myth and
that Molotov's declaration of its existence was untrue. No Soviet officer
ever expressed the belief that the Soviet Union would
be able to take comfort in the possession of any atomic weapons in the
event of war.

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